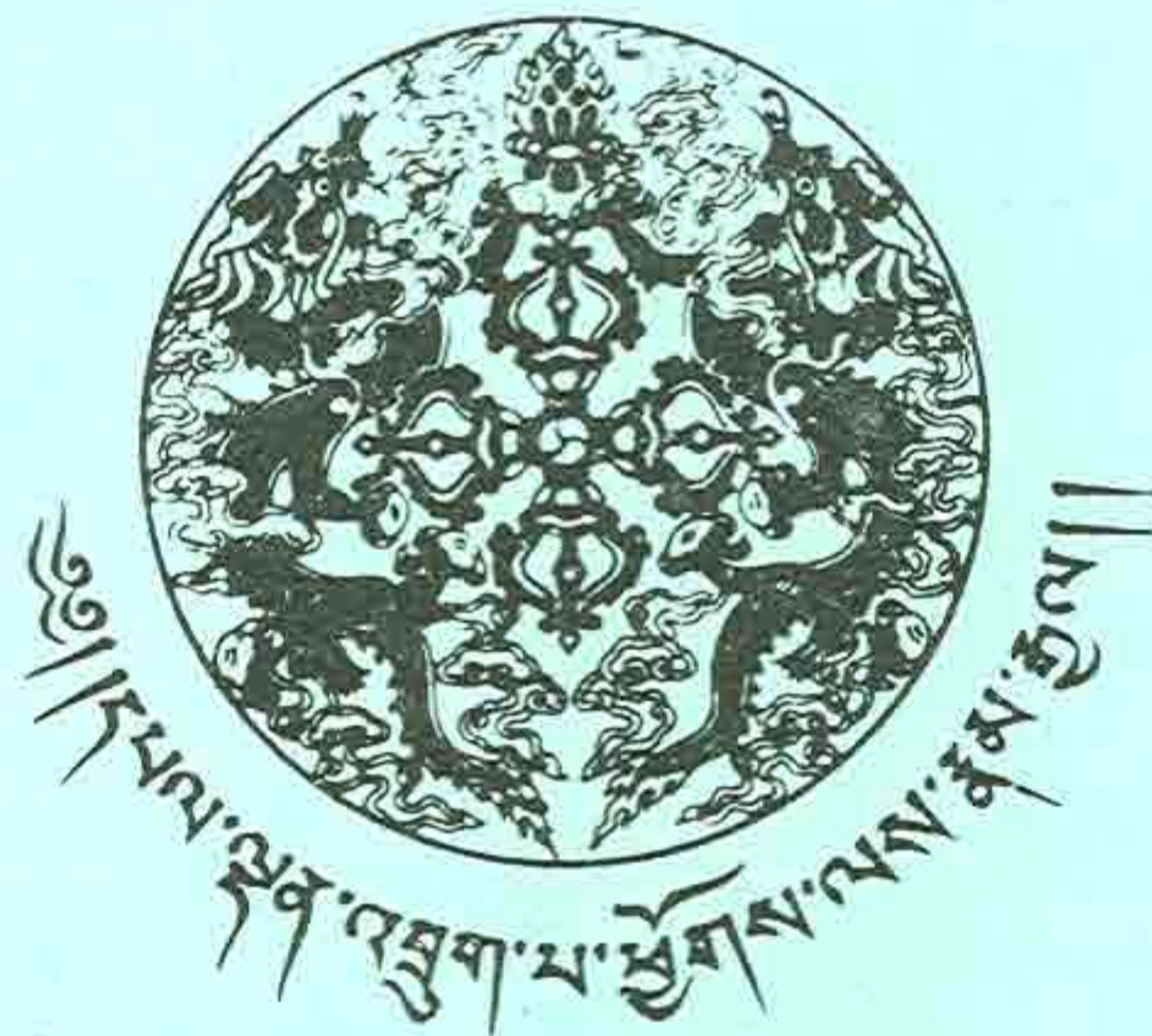


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GENERAL INFORMATION

EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS

- n.a not available
- .. not applicable
- nil or rounded to zero
- * sampling error too high for accurate estimation
- () brackets signify negative numbers

METRIC EQUIVALENTS

1 kilometre	=	0.62 miles
1 hectare	=	2.47 acres
1 square kilometre	=	0.386 square miles
1 litre	=	0.220 imperial gallons
1 kilogram	=	2.20 pounds
1 metric tonne	=	0.984 imperial tons

EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. In some cases, minor discrepancies may occur between sums of component items and totals because of rounding.
2. Dzongkhags given in some tables differ from those given in Annex I. This is because of recent changes in the Dzongkhags following the creation of Punakha and Chhukha Dzongkhags and the abolition of Gasa Dzongkhag.

The High Court consists of six judges. Four of the judges are appointed by the King and two public representatives elected by the National Assembly subject to ratification by the King. There are courts in each Dzongkhag headed by a Thrimpon and assisted by Ramjams but minor disputes are settled by village gups.

TABLE 1.6 : SUMMARY OF DEMOGRAPHIC INDICATORS, 1984

Measures of Fertility and Mortality

FERTILITY		
Crude birth rate		39.1
General fertility rate		169.6
Total fertility rate		5.9
Gross reproduction rate		2.9
Net reproduction rate		1.9
Rate of natural increase (%)		2.0
MORTALITY		
Crude death rate		19.3
Infant mortality rate		142.0
Life expectancy at birth		
	Males	45.8
	Females	49.1

Note : For explanation of demographic indicators see Introduction to this Chapter.

Source : Analysis of 1984 Demographic Sample Survey.

TABLE 7.5 : BHUTAN GOVERNMENT TRANSPORT SERVICE,
PASSENGERS CARRIED, 1982/83 TO 1988/89

Year	Passengers carried ('000)
1982/83	1,045
1983/84	1,149
1984/85	1,264
1985/86	1,239
1986/87	1,142
1987/88	1,228
1988/89	1,230

Source: Bhutan Government Transport Service.

TABLE 7.6: NUMBER OF MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS BY TRAFFIC
DIVISION, 1984 TO 1987

Traffic Division	1984	1985	1986	1987
Thimphu	36	69	118	146
Chimakothi	41	45	27	24
Phuntsholing	30	35	37	18
Samchi	-	5	2	5
Gylegphug	8	10	12	11
Chirang	3	1	1	8
Tongsa	6	5	6	6
Samdrupjongkhar	7	12	13	13
Tashigang	1	4	11	11
Mongar	3	1	3	4
TOTAL	135	187	230	246

Source : Royal Bhutan Police.

15. PRICES

INTRODUCTION

The only price statistics currently compiled in Bhutan relate to the Consumer Price Indexes, often referred to as the CPI. The CPI has been produced by the CSO twice a year since December 1979. In addition, a food price index for Thimphu has been produced each quarter since September 1987.

The purpose of the CPI is to provide a general indicator of the rate of price change for consumer goods and services. The CPI is important in monitoring overall price development and assessing changes in the living standards of the population.

The CPI is formed by measuring the change in the cost of purchasing a 'basket' of consumer goods and services, where items in the 'basket' are weighted according to their relative importance in the total spending of consumers. The 'basket' includes food items (e.g. rice, other cereals, vegetables, oils and fats, and spices) together with non-food items such as clothing, fuel, furniture and other personal items. Items such as cereals are weighted more heavily than say furniture, because they represent a larger proportion of consumer expenditure. A price change in cereals will therefore have a greater effect on the CPI than a price change for furniture.

The CPI is presented as index numbers, where the indexes are measured relative to the base of June 1979 = 100.0. Price change is estimated by measuring change in the index numbers.

MAIN FEATURES

In June 1990, the rate of inflation in Bhutan as measured by the change in the Consumer Price Index over the previous twelve months was estimated to be 10.9 per cent. This means that prices for consumer items in Bhutan as a whole rose by an average of 10.9 per cent over this twelve month period. This compares with a rate of 9.1 per cent recorded in the twelve months to June 1989.

Prices for food rose by an average of 8.2 per cent in the twelve months to June 1990, while prices for non-food items rose by 16.6 per cent over the same period.

ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS (continued)

9. Wangdiphodrang Dzongkhag
 Gewog : 1. Athang 2. Daga 3. Dangchhu
 4. Ganteo 5. Gase Tsogog 6. Gase Tso
 7. Jena 8. Kashi 9. Nahi
 10. Nisho 11. Phangyul 12. Phobji
 13. Rubisa 14. Sephu 15. Thetso
10. Bumthang Dzongkhag
 Gewog : 1. Chhokhor 2. Chhumi 3. Tang
 4. Ura
11. Sarbhang Dzongkhag
 (a) Geykephug Dungkhag
 Gewog : 1. Bhur 2. Danabari 3. Geylegphu
 4. Lalai 5. Sershong 6. Surey
 7. Taklai
 (b) Kalikhola Dungkhag
 Gewog : 1. Deorali 2. Kalikhola 3. Nichula
 (c) Sarbhang Dzongkhag
 Gewog : 1. Doban 2. Hilay 3. Leopani
 4. Sarbhangtar 5. Singye
12. Shemgang Dzongkhag
 Gewog : 1. Bardo 2. Nangkor 3. Shingki
 4. Tong
 (a) Panbang Dungkhag
 Gewog : 1. Drokhar 2. Ngala 3. Phangk
13. Tongsa Dzongkhag
 Gewog : 1. Dragteng 2. Korphu 3. Namthe
 4. Nubi 5. Tangsibi
14. Lhuntshi Dzongkhag
 Gewog : 1. Gangzur 2. Jaray 3. Khoma
 4. Kurteo 5. Menbi 6. Menji
 7. Metsho 8. Tsenkhar
15. Mongar Dzongkhag
 Gewog : 1. Chaskhar 2. Dametsi 3. Gong
 4. Kengkhar 5. Mongar 6. Ngats
 7. Saleng 8. Selambi 9. Tangr
 10. Tsakaling 11. Tsamang
16. Pemagatsel Dzongkhag
 Gewog : 1. Chongshi Borang 2. Dungmed 3. Khan
 4. Khar 5. Shumar 6. Yuru
 7. Zobel
17. Samdrupjongkhar Dzongkhag
 Gewog : 1. Orong 2. Gomdar
 (a) Dechhenling Dungkhag
 Gewog : 1. Dechhenling 2. Norbugang
 (b) Bangtar Dungkhag
 Gewog : 1. Bakuli 2. Dalim 3. Mart
 4. Samrang
 (c) Daifam Dungkhag
 Gewog : 1. Hastinapur 2. Louri 3. Serf

ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS (continued)

18. Tashigang Dzongkhag

Gewog :	1. Bartsham	2. Bidung	3. Kanglung
	4. Phongme	5. Radhi	6. Samkhar
	7. Shongphu	8. Uzarong	9. Yangner

(a) Sakteng Dungkhag

Gewog :	1. Sakten
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(b) Tashi Yangtse Dungkhag

Gewog :	1. Jangphu Khamdang	2. Tomiyangtse	
	3. Toetsho	4. Yallang	5. Yangtshi

(c) Thrimshing Dungkhag

Gewog :	1. Kangpara	2. Thrimshing
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(d) Wamrong Dungkhag

Gewog :	1. Khaling	2. Lumang	3. Nanong
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TOTAL NUMBER OF GEWOGS - 191